



14 Tapes



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Chapter 1 by Vega Venice

Tape 1

There was a slight buzz as the old tape player flipped Gabby Longhearts tape to the right side. There were 14 tapes that Gabby left behind. 14 tapes that were supposed to explain everything. Why Gabby ran away, Why Gabby left behind a child and a boyfriend. Why did Gabby go away?

"Hello?" The voice cried out over the speaker. It was obvious to me It was Gabby. It was her voice that stretched out over the tape.

"Gabby here," The voice said, there was a faint screech of a baby in the background. Her daughter.

"I really don't want to be doing this, but I feel like I don't have another choice."

I sat back in my chair, edging to hear Gabby speak.

"I am not gone forever, but I am gone until you figure out where to find me. There are 14 of you who received a tape. Each one of you has a different clue on where to find me. Half of you won't care, Half of you will throw this away and go away forever. That's okay, I don't really care about being found anyway."

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"This is tape 9, I am talking directly to you Evan. Lets have a conversation about You and my husband."

Chapter 2 by Kallaway Haystings



Skipping through different tapes, having transferred the files on digital and then to file I skipped through the tapes, only listening briefly to the beginning to find my own. She must have left me one. Given me some kind of explanation of why she had left. Why she had left me. A stack of papers where thrown onto my desk and I jumped, looking up from where I huddled over the computer. McKinley stood staring at me, holding a steaming cup of coffee. "Working hard?" He said laughing. I nodded, covering my screen from him. "Seth, tell me your not looking into the case." "What? Oh, no...Just person stuff." I said. "Good," he said, frowning, "Cause the captain banned you from the case. For PERSONAL reasons." Jared McKinley had been my best friend and Alpha Mission second in the Academy. "Yes, I know." I said, shooing him away. "Fine, fine. But make sure you fill out the case files for the robbery on 95th before you clock out." He said, backing away and looking at suspiciously. "Will do" I mumbled. I kept scrolling, hoping. And then I heard it. Her voice.

"Seth. Her voice was strained. Seth Im so sorry."

Chapter 3 by PsychoPanda



It couldn't be. I jumped and scrambled to turn the volume up higher. I couldn't believe it was actually Gabby. "Seth, I don't know where to start." Her breathing was ragged. "It wasn't my choice to leave but I had to for Sloan" her voice trailed off as I wondered who Sloan was. Was it her daughter, sister, cousin, or best friend? "Seth you have to believe me when I say look under Mr. Bourscheski's bush on 29th street. It will lead you to a clue of where I am and giving you hope of even finding me. My captor..." her voice suddenly went silent and my whole screen blacked out. A single word falshed on my screen and it said run.

Chapter 4 by Jilyislovejilyislife



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Chapter 5 by thelastunicorn



I had to listen to the tape. Come on, it had my name on it, and I was curious. The first thing I saw was Gabby. Speechless, I kept it playing.

"I'm sorry Lily, I had no choice but to leave you all. Listen to me, there are fourteen tapes. Each have a clue of where I have been taken. You have tape 14. You need to find Seth, Ava, Evan, Piper, James, Violet, Jordan, Cassidy, Ryan, Faith, Jackson, Danielle and Jake for the other clues. You have the final clue. It's the third door on the left."

Chapter 6 by thelastunicorn



I couldn't believe it. The girl on the tape, it had to be Gabby. No, it WAS Gabby. Hesitantly, I played it. The first thing I heard was:

"Hey, Ryan. Uhh, I'm sorry. For leaving all of you." Tears started streaming down her face. "This is tape is number 13. Go up to the 4th floor, not the elevator. Each of these tapes has a clue to where I am. Find Seth, Ava, Evan, Piper, James, Violet, Jordan, Cassidy, Lily, Faith, Jackson and Danielle for the others." Then she starts bawling. "Please hurry, Ryan."

I love Gabby, and when she left, all of the happiness seemed to drain from everybody. Gabby kept the peace. She practically filled everyone with happiness. I almost couldn't believe this. I didn't expect anything from her. She left so abruptly. I had to go find all of those people. I will speak to all of them at school tomorrow.

Chapter 7 by thelastunicorn



Ryan was asking everyone what was on our tapes at lunch today. Nobody really answered him. I haven't even watched my tape yet, I'm kind of scared to watch it. But now I feel like I'm morally obligated, so I finally put the tape in the player.

"Cassidy? I'm really sorry." I could tell that she had been crying.

"Cass, I didn't mean to leave you. I wanted to stay, I promise. It's just..." and now she started bawling.

"Look," she said between sobs, "you have tape number 12. Each of the fourteen tapes has a clue

to where I've been taken. Seth, Ava, Evan, Piper, James, Violet, Jordan, Ryan, Lily, Faith, Jackson and Danielle have the others. You have tape 12. The key card for the door is under the potted ficus bush."

I stopped it there. I couldn't. I had to. I had to know. I had to know what was on my face. We had, after all, been friends since 2nd grade, and I've seen enough other tears.

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Chapter 8 by TeTe



"Evan, I'm counting on you to be the man you weren't when we were married!"

Gabby's face was all red, I knew she had been crying. She was holding Mary Ann's blanket, our baby girl.

After Gabby got pregnant she became very distant from me. She would stay days lying in bed would get up to eat for the sake of the baby and go back to bed. Those days she wouldn't even look at my face or talk to me. And then the next week she would be fine, happy, talkative, loving. The last time she was happy was the month before Mary Ann was born. She prepared a special dinner for us to pick out a name for our little girl.

Today, looking at her face on the screen, she looked like a completely different person.

She blamed me for our separation. Said that I didn't trust her, didn't see her, didn't notice her. But I knew she left because she discovered what me and Seth had done. And nothing can take the suspicion that her 'boyfriend' was the one who made up her mind against me, and probably the one to blame for her disappearance.

Mary Ann was only 3 months old when she left. The baby's room was still intact, I couldn't bare to take it down.

"I need you to listen carefully, for the sake of our daughter. I have made 14 tapes with clues to where I am. You have tape 1, Jackson tape 2, Ava tape 3, Jake tape 4, Piper tape 5, Danielle tape 6, James tape 7, Violet tape 8, Seth tape 9, Jordan tape 10, Faith tape 11, Cassidy tape 12, Ryan tape 13 and Lily tape 14. The order of the tapes mean nothing."

Gabby stopped looked around and sighed a few times. I was as if she was looking for strength to keep talking. I could see was was controlling herself not to cry.

"Look, I didn't want to do this, I had to. The tape I sent to Seth I told him everything I know about you and him. The reason I'm doing this also has something to do with what you two did on those docks 3 years ago."

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I could hear her voice calling my name as if she was just down the hall. I closed my eyes and saw her face. She was and still is the most beautiful woman I ever met. She had an innocence in her eyes that made me feel like I could conquer the world. But she was strong and independent and everytime someone told her she couldn't do something, she made sure she did it and with finess. To me, she was perfect. Long brown wavy hair that always smelled so good that I would stay hours smelling as she was sleeping next to me. her skin always looked like she had just come back from the beach. Her smile so wide, her laugh so light and true. The first moment I saw her I knew she HAD to be my wife.

I couldn't bare this pain any longer. I got up and sat down in front of the tv. I started the tape again this time writing what she said down, stopping the tape to look what was behind her, maybe I could see something that would help me find her easier. I knew the people she had given the tapes to, but they weren't exactly found of me and I doubted they would give me their tapes.

"The building has already been used as apartments, stores and supermarket."

That was my clue.

I didn't know where to begin, but I think a police officer would. Seth would have to talk to me again!

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